

WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

MINUTES

January 26, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: John Patterson, John Pelosi, Don Daria, Jeff Yokovich, Everett Bolton, Earl Creutzburg, Austin Proctor, Paul Krebs, and Pete Thibodeau (ex officio)

Members Absent: None

Staff: Ann Ayers

CALL TO ORDER

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ACTION: Don Daria made a motion to approve the minutes, John Pelosi seconded the motion. The motion was approved 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Arbor Day Poster Contest: The Urban Forestry Board selected poster contest winners from among 185 entries. The winners are as follows:

- **5th Grade Wake Forest Winner & State Entry** – Ian Hardee, Wake Forest Elementary School
- **Best Picture** – Bryan Davenport, Rock Hill Christian Academy, 3rd Grade
- **Most Creative** – Mary Katherine Wall, Wake Forest Elementary 4th Grade
- **Honorable Mention** – Lauren Mortell, Wake Forest Elementary, 5th Grade

b. Arbor Day Green Medal awards: No nominations were received for Green Medal Awards. The UFB made nominations and awards as follows:

- **Civic** – Boy Scout Troop 5 for outstanding service rendered at the Tree Seedling Giveaway, 2008, education, tree planting, and other volunteer-based work. Don Daria will complete the nomination form.
- **Corporate** – The Lodge for their significant contribution to the urban forest by demonstrating the importance of proper installation of an excellent landscape plan that exceeds the minimum requirements for development. John Pelosi will complete the nomination form.
- **Program or Project** – Pete Jordan and Bartlett Tree Care for implementation of the Wake Forest Street Tree Maintenance Program in a manner that completed the cycle through Town in three years, two years ahead of schedule with professionals who represented the Town admirably in the field. Austin Proctor will complete the nomination form.
- **Community Forester** – John Rich for a lifetime of excellence in urban forestry and leadership in forestry practice. John Patterson will complete the nomination form.

c. Meeting Schedule: The 2009 meeting schedule was discussed. The UFB directed staff to add the Tree Seedling schedule to the February agenda.

d. Arbor Day:

Staff relayed actions to date:

- Tree seedlings have been ordered and will arrive on Thursday, February 26, 2009, before the February 28 giveaway. This year, we will have 200 Black Walnut, 500 River Birch, 500 Bald Cypress and 1000 Chestnut Oak tree seedlings.
- Press releases, E-News and newsletter advertisement went out to advertise the Poster Contest, Green Medal Awards and the Tree Seedling Giveaway.
- John Patterson briefed the UFB on the Wake Forest Elementary School K-2 assembly for Arbor Day.
- Wake Forest Elementary School has committed to provide student entertainment for the Arbor Day Celebration.

Upcoming actions:

Order T-Shirts - Staff

Order Green Medal Awards - Staff

Set up a schedule for the Tree Seedling Giveaway – Staff

Seek a speaker for the Arbor Day Celebration on Thursday, March 12, 2006

c. Top 10 for Internet Posting – move to February agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Tree City USA application – the application was submitted in a timely manner with an application for a Growth Award.
- b. Street Tree Planting - The bids were received. Danny Blake was awarded the contract and will complete the scheduled tree replacement, S. Main Street corridor planting and N. Main Street Median project by the end of February – weather permitting. Staff added 20 trees to the inventory in the event we find other areas to add trees. The total contract was just over \$60,000, a very good price for 227 trees and the N. Main Street plantings.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Earl Creutzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Paul Krebs seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

John Patterson, Chairman

Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary